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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please preserve competition for internet service providers. The more that are available, the more price competition will be available.

My current provider respects net neutrality and provides 1G symmetric internet access at a very reasonable cost. This would not be possible without competition. Access is needed to unbundled network elements at a reasonable cost to allow competition, otherwise one or two companies will charge unreasonable prices for internet access. The higher payments only padding the bottom line of a few monopolies.

I first use DSL over my POTS to access the internet, it was slow but opened a new world to me, and allowed me to work from home. Cable internet access provided my next access to the internet. It was much faster and over the years became much more expensive. Every year the price would increase. I could occasionally threaten to use another provider to get a more reasonable increase. Eventually fiber access came to my neighborhood at half the cost of cable. With speeds five to 10 times faster. This would not be possible without competition.

VOIP phone service is included with my fiber internet for a very reasonable cost, i.e., less than what I was paying for POTS with nationwide long distance included for not additional cost.

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